



HEALTH CARE

COMPLIANCE SELF-AUDIT CHECKLIST

Small Quantity Medical Waste Generators (< 200lbs/month)



The items noted below are to be used as a guide and do not represent all applicable environmental requirements. The items below refer to specific section numbers of the California Health and Safety Code Sections 25100 and 117600 et. al.; the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances Sections 68.1201 et. al.; and the California Code of Regulations, Title 22 Sections 65600 et. al. Please call (619) 338-2231 or your Specialist if you have any questions.

STORAGE AND LABELING

- ☐ Unified Program Facility (UPF)/HMD Permit obtained. 117705, 68.905
- ☐ Medical Waste (MW) separated from other waste at point of origin. 118275
- ☐ Enclosure or designated accumulation area for MW containers secured. 118310
- ☐ MW storage area posted with an approved and legible biohazardous waste "warning sign" in English and Spanish. 118310
- ☐ Medical SOLID WASTE secured to deny access to unauthorized persons. 68.1211
- ☐ Spill of MW properly cleaned up. 118300
- ☐ Sharps stored in approved and properly marked sharps container. 118275
- ☐ Full sharps container taped closed or tightly-lidded to preclude loss of contents. 118285
- ☐ Red bags/sharps container labeled with generator's name, address, and phone number. 68.1205, 68.1206
- ☐ MW stored in approved and properly marked red bags. 118275
- ☐ Red bags tied off to prevent leakage/expulsion of contents during handling and storage. 118280
- ☐ Red bags containerized in rigid, leak resistant, and covered containers or bins. 118280
- ☐ Waste container/bin labeled on the lid and side so as to be clearly visible. 118280
- ☐ Reusable containers/bins for MW storage kept clean/sanitary. 118295, 118305
- ☐ Frozen MW stored less than 90 days. 118280

TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

- ☐ MW treated by approved method/procedure. 118215
- ☐ Recording thermometer calibrated annually. 118215
- ☐ Records of thermometer calibration checks for at least 3 years. 118215
- ☐ Heat-sensitive tape/other approved method used for each load treated onsite. 118215
- ☐ Monthly biological indicator or other approved method used to confirm proper disinfection. 118215
- ☐ Onsite Steam Sterilization did reach 121°C/250 °F for > 30 minutes. 118215
- ☐ Treatment records/logs of dates, time and temperature available for > 3 yrs. 118215
- ☐ No unauthorized disposal of untreated MW. 118340
- ☐ MW legally transported with State Hauler Registration or a Limited Quantity Hauler Exemption (LOHE) from HMD. 118025
- ☐ Obtained Limited Quantity Hauler Exemption (LOHE) for "self-hauled" MW (<20 pounds of waste/wk). 118030, 118025

RECORD KEEPING

- ☐ Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) not submitted to HMD (initial/updates if onsite treatment). 117935
- ☐ Medical Waste Management Plan (MWMP) or equivalent information onsite. 117945
- ☐ Maintain and have proof of "onsite" medical waste treatment records for past 3 years. 118215, 117943
- ☐ Retain on file disposal receipts/tracking documents for waste shipped offsite for past 2 years. 117945
- ☐ Limited Quantity Hauler Exemption (LOHE) renewed annually as required. 118030
- ☐ Standardized written operating procedures for steam sterilization available. 118215
- ☐ Full sharps container stored less than 7 days at room temperature (for generators of >20lbs/month). 118285
- ☐ Red bag waste stored less than 7 days at room temperature (for generators of >20lbs/month). 118280
- ☐ Very small quantity generator (VSQG)(<20 lbs/mo.) storing MW for less than 30 days at room temperature. 118280
- ☐ Red bag waste stored less than 90 days at 0°C/32°F. 118280

PATHOLOGY, CHEMOTHERAPY, PHARMACEUTICAL & HAZARDOUS WASTE

- ☐ Chemo waste segregated from other MW. 118275
- ☐ Chemo waste container properly labeled. 118275
- ☐ No illegal disposal of chemo waste. 118340
- ☐ Pathology waste segregated from other MW. 118275
- ☐ Pathology waste container properly labeled. 118275
- ☐ No illegal disposal of pathology waste. 118340
- ☐ Pharmaceutical waste segregated from other MW. 118275g
- ☐ Pharmaceutical waste properly labeled. 118275(g)
- ☐ Pharmaceutical waste stored less than 90 days. (> 10 lbs/yr) 118280(e)
- ☐ Very small quantity generator (VSQG) of pharmaceutical waste (< 10 lb/yr) stored less than 1year. 118280(e)
- ☐ No illegal disposal of pharmaceutical waste. 118340, 118222
- ☐ No illegal disposal of photo/hazardous waste to sewer/trash. 25189.5

OTHER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Compliance with OSHA requirements.
- ☐ Compliance with Infection Control Protocols.
- ☐ Compliance with Sewer/Industrial Waste requirements
- ☐ Other _____